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Andreas E. Widmer was appointed Clinical Professor of Entrepreneurship in the fall of 2015 at The Catholic University of America's Busch School of Business & Economics. He is the director of the Art & Carlyse Ciocca Center for Principled Entrepreneurship.

Previously he co-founded The SEVEN Fund, a philanthropic organization promoting enterprise solutions to poverty. Widmer is a seasoned business executive with experience in high-tech, international business strategy, consulting and economic development. He served as CEO of the business strategy firm OTF Group (formerly part of the Monitor Group) and helped lead web content management pioneer Eprise Corporation, speech recognition pioneer Dragon Systems, and internet pioneer FTP Software. He has worked extensively in the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America, has brought more than 100 leading-edge technology products to market, and was an executive in residence at Highland Capital Partners.

Andreas is the author of The Pope & The CEO: Pope Saint John Paul II's Lessons to a Young Swiss Guard, a book exploring leadership lessons that Widmer learned serving as a Swiss Guard protecting Pope John Paul II and refined during his career as a successful business executive.

Specialties:

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**Consultant for Entrepreneurship, Leadership & Ethics**  
GP Catholic Services

Jul 2016 – Present • 2 yrs 1 mo  
Washington D.C. Metro Area



**Research Fellow in Entrepreneurship**  
Acton Institute

Dec 2010 – Present • 7 yrs 8 mos

The Mission of the Acton Institute is to promote a free and virtuous society characterized by individual liberty and sustained by religious principles.

**Advisory Board, University of Cambridge**

**Transforming Business**

Aug 2009 – Present • 9 yrs  
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Transforming Business is a multi-disciplinary research and development project at the University of Cambridge.

Surrounding it is a growing network of Christian business ethicists, economists, practitioners, consultants, psychologists, educators and opinion formers in research institutions and companies around the world.

They are united in their passion to integrate their faith with their knowledge and skills to address the most pressing social, economic, and moral challenge of our time: the elimination of poverty within the constraints of finite natural resources.

Co-ordinated by Dr Peter Heslam, Dr Flint McGlaughlin, Dr Rick Goossen, and John Kay, the network has the benefit of a number of distinguished patrons and advisers, some of whom are listed below.

Together with the Graduate School of Business at the University of Cape Town, Transforming Business has launched Belief in Enterprise, an exciting research and outreach initiative. Its Principal Investigators (directors) are Dr Peter Heslam and Dr Eric Wood and its initial data collection was assisted by a Research Coordinator, Dr Carol Christopher, a Research Associate, Rebecca Shah and a number of Case Study Researchers. This world class team of researchers represents a powerful mix of entrepreneurial and academic expertise

**BOD**

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Mar 2007 – Present • 11 yrs 5 mos

VRA develops natural language parsing technology for events analysis and predictive modeling. Our focus on social, political and economic events analysis is driven by the recognition that people are not able to fully use the ever-increasing volume of available information about global events at a time when monitoring and assessment is increasingly critical to preventive action.

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Jan 2012 – Jan 2017 • 5 yrs 1 mo  
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The Carpenter's Fund (TCF) is a senior, collateralized lender investing in projects which are designed to increase wealth through investments into sustainable development projects.

TCF specializes in small business and church infrastructure projects in emerging markets. This for-profit fund is an example of impact investing which has both projected competitive cash returns and societal impact benefits.

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**SEVEN Fund**

Jun 2007 – Jan 2012 • 4 yrs 8 mos

S.E.VEN ([www.sevenfund.org](http://www.sevenfund.org)) is a virtual, non-profit entity, run by entrepreneurs, whose strategy is to markedly increase the rate of diffusion of Enterprise-based Solutions to Poverty. We do this by targeted investment, often through matching grants, which fosters thought leadership through books, films, and websites; creating role models of entrepreneurs and innovative firms in developing nations; and shaping a new discourse in government, the press and the academy, around private sector innovation, prosperity, and progressive human values.

**Advisor**

**Twin Star Medical**

Sep 2006 – Dec 2008 • 2 yrs 4 mos

Twin Star Medical offers researchers and physicians innovative drug delivery and wound care medical device products. Twin Star product technology is unique due to its use of hollow membrane fiber integrated into therapeutic and diagnostic catheters.

**CEO**

**OTF Group**

Oct 2001 – Jun 2008 • 6 yrs 9 mos

The OTF Group is the competitiveness consulting firm that brings the deepest experience to help build prosperity in developing economies. The OTF Group team consists of leading strategy experts who have decades of experience on competitiveness in emerging markets. The OTF Group advises developing companies, regions, and nations to be more innovative, increase productivity and create competitive advantage. The OTF Group accomplishes this through its unique coaching and consulting services, and its proprietary methodologies and software technology.

**Vice President, International**

**Eprise Inc.**

Oct 2000 – Sep 2001 • 1 yr

Build up International presence of the Company.

**Vice President, International**

**Dragon Systems**

Aug 1996 – Sep 2000 • 4 yrs 2 mos

Build up international presence of the company

**Vice President**

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Jun 1991 – Aug 1996 • 5 yrs 3 mos

Build up international presence of the company

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St. John's Seminary

M.A.

2001 – 2009

Merrimack College

B.S., International Business

1989 – 1993

Skills & Endorsements

Entrepreneurship · 99+

Endorsed by Andrew 'Flip' Filipowski and 15 others who are highly skilled at this

Endorsed by 28 of Andreas' colleagues at The Catholic University of America

Leadership · 99+

Endorsed by Gary Rosaasen and 8 others who are highly skilled at this

Endorsed by 27 of Andreas' colleagues at The Catholic University of America

Strategy · 99+

Endorsed by Randy Hain and 15 others who are highly skilled at this

Endorsed by 20 of Andreas' colleagues at The Catholic University of America

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Recommendations

Received (3)

Given (16)

Joe Forgione

President and CEO at Railcomm

March 17, 2010, Joe managed Andreas directly

In my career I have managed many executives, but it is a rare pleasure when you can manage somebody with the job skills, leadership capabilities, and personal values that Andreas has. He was instrumental in transforming Eprise into a truly international software company. However, it is no surprise to me that Andreas has used his broad capabilities to become a leader in areas other than software. I would welcome the opportunity to work with him again.

Marc Hoover

Senior Sales and Alliance Management

November 8, 2009, Marc worked with Andreas in different groups

I had the opportunity to work with Andreas for several years at Dragon Systems. Andreas is the epitome of a true gentleman and scholar. His business acumen is simply amazing. The true testament of his leadership is how many people enjoy working with him and want to perform to the best of their ability at his direction. He truly cares about people and he has the rare ability to relate well to others at all levels from the boardroom to the classroom. I would like to extend the highest possible recommendation for Andreas. It is a distinct pleasure to know him and to have worked with him.

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